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Hearings

August 26 - Pursuant to §§ 285.13(1), 285.61(7)(a) and 285.62(5)(a), Wis. Stats., the Department of Natural Resources will hold a public hearing to receive comments on an air pollution control permit to modify / construct and an air pollution control operation permit for an air contaminant source located at Didion Milling, Inc., 501 South Williams St., Cambria, Columbia County, at 1 p.m. in the Cambria Community Room, 115 W. Edgewater St., Cambria. Didion Milling, Inc., has submitted to the DNR, permit applications, including plans and specifications, for the construction of dry corn milling, modification of the ethanol production and grain handling, and for the revision / modification of portions of the draft operation permit for its ethanol plant, water systems and grain storage / milling operation. (Air Pollution Construction Permit No.: 08-DCF-155. Air Pollution Operation Permit No.: 111081520-F03.) DNR has made a preliminary determination that the application meets state and federal air pollution control requirements and that the permit should be approved. The permit application, the DNR's analysis and draft permit prepared by the DNR is available on the Air Permit page [http://dnr.wi.gov/air/permits/permitsearch.html] of the DNR Web site and at the at the DNR Bureau of Air Management Headquarters, Seventh Floor, 101 South Webster, Madison; South Central Region Air Program, Reedsburg Area Office, 344 S. Willow St., Reedsburg, and at the Jane Morgan Memorial Library, 109 W. Edgewater St., Cambria, or by contacting Don C. Faith III, 608-267-3135. This type of proposal normally does not have the potential to cause significant adverse environmental effects and the DNR has not prepared an Environmental Assessment of the proposal. DNR has made a preliminary determination that neither an Environmental Impact Statement nor an EA will be required for this action. This preliminary determination does not constitute approval from the Air Management Program or any other DNR sections which may also require a review of the project. Written comments on the application or DNR's review of it should be received by Aug. 28, 2009 and sent to: Wisconsin DNR, Bureau of Air Management, PO Box 7921, Madison, WI 53707-7921. Attn.: Don C. Faith, III. Information on the public commenting and hearing process is available at [http://dnr.wi.gov/air/citguide.htm]. For more information contact Don C. Faith III, at 608-267-3135.

August 27 - Pursuant to §§ 29.014, 29.885(3)b., 169.11, 169.36(9)(b) and 227.11, Stats., interpreting §§ 29.014, 29.885(3)b., 169.11 and 169.36(9)(b) Stats., the Department of Natural Resources will hold public hearings on Board Order WM-21-07 relating to revisions to chs. NR 12 and 16, Wis. Adm. Code relating to regulating feral or wild swine, wolf-dog hybrids and mute swans as captive wild animals at 6 p.m. at the Northern Great Lakes Visitor Center, 29270 County Highway G, Ashland. 2007 ACT 119 (§ 169.11 Stats.) requires that the department designate wild or feral hogs as harmful wild animals. The same statute, § 169.11 Stats., also authorizes that any non-native animal that is a threat to the environment, public health or the health of domestic animals, or is capable of inflicting severe physical harm to humans or domestic animals may be designated a harmful wild animal.

The proposed rule and fiscal estimate may be reviewed and comments electronically submitted at the following Internet site: http://adminrules.wisconsin.gov. Written comments on the proposed rule may be submitted via U.S. mail to Scott Loomans, Bureau of Wildlife Management, P.O. Box 7921, Madison, WI 53707. Comments may be submitted until August 31, 2009. Written comments whether submitted electronically or by U.S. mail will have the same weight and effect as oral statements presented at the public hearings. For more information or a copy of the proposed rule and fiscal estimate contact Scott Loomans at (608) 267-2452. Loomans. The remaining hearings will all begin at 6 p.m. on the following dates and locations and will be followed at 7 p.m. by a hearing on to deer management unit population goals:

August 27 - Pursuant to §§ 29.014 and 227.11, Stats., interpreting §§ 29.014, 29.889(12), and 227.11, Wis. Stats., the Department of Natural Resources will hold public hearings on Board Order WM-16-09 relating to revisions to ch. NR 10, Wis. Adm. Code relating to deer management unit population goals at 7 p.m. at the Northern Great Lakes Visitor Center, 29270 County Highway G, Ashland.. There are currently 131 deer management units with individual overwinter populations goals and a statewide over winter population goal of approximately 737,000 deer. Over winter population goals and DMUs serve as the foundation for managing the deer herd and determining deer hunting season structures. All goals referred to in this rule are the over winter deer population goal for a DMU. The hunting season population will generally be substantially larger than the over winter population goal. The Department is proposing raising deer population goals in 13 management units and lowering the goal in three. These changes are recommended to provide hunters with more deer hunting opportunities in instances where goals are proposed for increases and to alleviate agricultural damage in the instances where the goals have been recommended for a decrease. The department does not anticipate significant ecological, agricultural or forestry impacts because of the proposed goal increases. However, there is a concern that a higher goal with low hunter densities will mean continuous herd control seasons. Written comments on the proposed rule may be submitted via U.S. mail to Scott Loomans, Bureau of Wildlife Management, P.O. Box 7921, Madison, WI 53707. Comments may be submitted until August 31, 2009. Written comments whether submitted electronically or by U.S. mail will have the same weight and effect as oral statements presented at the public hearings. For more information or a copy of the proposed rule and fiscal estimate contact Scott Loomans at (608) 267-2452. Loomans. The remaining hearings will all begin at 7 p.m. on the following dates and locations and will be preceded at 6 p.m. by a hearing relating to regulating feral or wild swine, wolf-dog hybrids and mute swans as captive wild animals:

August 27 - Pursuant to §§ 285.13(1), 285.61(7)(a) and 285.62(5)(a), Wis. Stats., a public hearing to receive public comments on an air pollution control application for the research and testing exemption from Renew Energy LLC, N5355 E Junction Road, Jefferson will be held at 1:30 p.m. at the Jefferson County Courthouse, Room 202, 320 S. Main St., Jefferson,. Renew Energy LLC has submitted to the Department of Natural Resources an application for exemption from air pollution control permit requirements to test operation of the fermentation scrubber and vent gas scrubber using cooled process condensate as a portion of the scrubber water feeds. The company expects that if successful; the results of the project will limit/reduce industrial wastewater discharge, reduce fresh water use and improve the facility water balance while continuing to meet all applicable emission limits. The facility is currently required to use fresh (well) water in both the fermentation and vent gas scrubbers. The project will involve directing process ('clean') condensate from the rectifier distillation column through heat exchangers to cool the process condensate prior to mixing with the fresh (well) water currently used, and using this mixture within the two scrubbers. The facility has also requested the authorization to test the use of additives (e.g. ammonium bisulfite, and/or others) if necessary to improve volatile organic compound (VOC) or hazardous air pollutant (HAP) collection. The DNR Bureau of Air Management analyzed these materials and determined that the project should meet applicable criteria for exemption as stated in § NR 406.04(1)(i), Wis. Adm. Code. The DNR finds that the proposed test will not present a significant hazard to public health, safety or welfare, or to the environment. This preliminary determination does not constitute approval from the Air Management Program or any other DNR sections which may also require a review of the project. Information, including plans and the DNR's analysis regarding this proposal, is available on the Air Permit page of the DNR Web site [http://dnr.wi.gov/air/permits/permitsearch.html] and at the DNR Bureau of Air Management, Seventh Floor, 101 South Webster St., Madison; DNR South Central Region Headquarters, 3911 Fish Hatchery Road, Fitchburg; and at the Jefferson Public Library, 321 S. Main St., Jefferson. Written comments regarding the proposed exemption should be received by August 27, 2009 and sent to Wisconsin DNR, Bureau of Air Management, PO Box 7921, Madison, WI 53707-7921. Attn.: Don C. Faith III. For more information contact Don C. Faith III at 608-267-3135 or by e-mail at [Don.FaithIII@wisconsin.gov].

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Meetings

August 24 - A public open house meeting to review and comment on the draft master plan and environmental assessment for the Kettle Moraine State Forest - Pike Lake Unit will be held from 4 and 8 p.m. at the Hartford Town Hall, 3360 CTH K, Hartford (one-half mile south of Hwy. 60). The public is invited to stop in to discuss the draft master plan and environmental assessment with Department of Natural Resources staff. The purpose of the master plan is to provide recommendations for the future management and development of the property. The major proposals in the plan include: adding 2,810 acres to the present boundary for a total of 3,540 acres; developing an education/interpretive center; increasing fishing opportunities by developing an ADA-accessible fishing pier; adding 30 camp sites, a group camp, and an ADA-accessible cabin to the campground; developing motorized and carry-in boat access sites; developing a group picnic area; and, re-designing the beach/picnic area. Copies of the master plan are available on the Kettle Moraine State Forest - Pike Lake Unit Master Plan page of the DNR Web site and at the following locations: Pike Lake Unit office; DNR service centers in Plymouth and Milwaukee; West Bend Public Library; Hartford Public Library, Hartford City Hall, and the Hartford Town Hall. The public review and comment period ends on Monday, August 31, 2009. The department will then update the plan as necessary based on comments received. Written comments on the plan should be sent to Therese Gripentrog, Landscape Architect, DNR, 2300 N. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Drive, Milwaukee, WI 53212; or by email to [therese.gripentrog@wisconsin.gov]. For more information contact Therese Gripentrog at 414-263-8669.

August 26 - The Northern Highland-American Legion State Forest will hold their Annual Open House from 5 – 7 p.m. at the Woodruff Town Hall, 1418 1st Ave, **Woodruff**. Property staff with expertise in forest management, operations, enforcement, recreation, and land control will be available to discuss the state forest's plans for the next year. For more information contact Steve Petersen, Forest Superintendent at (715)-358-9225.

August 26 - The Council on Recycling will meet at 9 a.m. at the UW-EX/Workforce Development building, 864 Collins Rd, Jefferson. The Council will hear updates on legislation dealing with producer responsibility, mercury and used oil filters. The Council will spend most of the meeting discussing its strategic plan. This is the last scheduled strategic planning session. For more information contact Dan Fields, 608-266-5334 or danielb.fields@wisconsin.gov

August 26 - The External Advisory Team for the Glacial Heritage Area [http://dnr.wi.gov/org/land/facilities/glacial/index.html] will meet from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. in the Jefferson County UW-Extension Building, 864 Collins Road, **Jefferson**. At the meeting, the team will be discussing the public input received during the recent comment period and potential adjustments to the overall planning document in response to this input. For more information contact John Pohlman at 608/264-6263.

August 27 – The Accumulated Sediment Technical Advisory Committee (ASTAC) will meet at 9:30 a.m. in Room 266 of the Wisconsin State Agriculture Building (DATCP building) 2811 Agriculture Drive, Madison. The purpose of the meeting will be to review a draft of the Technical Support Document that is intended to assist in implementation of the proposed NR 528 Wis. Admin. Code [http://dnr.wi.gov/org/aw/wm/solid/rulerevisions.htm] pertaining to management of accumulated sediment from storm water management structures. For information contact Tom Portle at (608) 267-0877.

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